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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on September 21, 2005, applicant elects the Group I claims (1-28, 35-39, and 44-53) without traverse. Applicants have cancelled the Group II claims (29-34 and 40-43) without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Applicants note that, in the September 21, 2005 Office Action, certain characterizations have been made concerning whether certain claims have separate utility, whether certain claims are related as "subcombinations," and as to which class/subclass certain claims are drawn to. Applicants do not address whether these assertions are correct or incorrect, and explicitly do not acquiesce in these characterizations. Applicants' election without traverse is made solely to assist the Examiner in furthering prosecution, and should be understood as a procedural action and not as a substantive concurrence with the characterizations of the claims that are made by the Examiner in the Office Action. By way of example and not limitation, applicants reserve the right to discuss in the future whether any one, or all, of the claims can be used in connection with "connection," "disconnection," and a "client-server session."

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